

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 24, 31, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, 51 and 52 as shown below.

The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) A host computer that communicates with a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said host computer comprising:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

a font registration unit adapted to download font data by a font name unit to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a management unit adapted to retain the font registration information and irrespective of a printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said font registration unit; and

an instruction unit adapted to issue a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by said reference unit.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) A host computer according to Claim 24, further comprising a specifying unit adapted to specify information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to by said reference unit.

27. to 29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) A host computer according to Claim 24, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

31. (Currently amended) A host computer that communicates with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said host computer comprising:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus;

a font registration unit adapted to download font data by a font name unit to an, one of the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a transmission unit adapted to transmit registration information, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said font registration unit, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained, irrespective of a printing process, in the management apparatus; and

an instruction unit adapted to issue a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by said reference unit.

32. (Currently amended) A print system comprising a plurality of printing apparatuses and a host computer that communicates via a network, in which system font data by a font name unit from said host computer is registered in said printing apparatuses, and said printing apparatuses perform a printing process using the registered font name unit font data,

wherein said host computer comprises:

a reference unit adapted to refer to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of said plurality of printing apparatuses;

a font registration unit adapted to download the font name unit font data to any one of said plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a management unit adapted to retain the font registration information irrespective of the printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by the font registration unit; and

an instruction unit adapted to issue a delete instruction to any one of said plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by the reference unit.

33. (Currently amended) A management ~~communication~~ method of a host computer that communicates with a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said method comprising:

a font registration step of downloading font data by a font name unit to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a management step, performed by a management unit, of retaining the font registration information irrespective of a printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses in said font registration step; and

an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 33, further comprising a specification step of specifying information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

36. to 38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously presented) A method according to Claim 33, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

40. (Currently amended) A management ~~communication~~ method of a host computer that communicates with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said method comprising:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes Information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the management apparatus;

a font registration step of downloading font data by a font name unit to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a transmission step of transmitting registration information, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses in said font registration step, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained, irrespective of a printing process, in the management apparatus; and

an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

41. (Currently amended) A management ~~communication~~ method of a print system that includes a plurality of printing apparatuses and a host computer that communicates via a network, in which system font data by a font name unit from the host computer is registered in the printing apparatuses, and the printing apparatuses perform a printing process using the registered font name unit font data, said method comprising, at the host computer:

a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

a font registration step of downloading the font name unit font data to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a management step of retaining the font registration information irrespective of the printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses in said font registration step; and

an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to in said reference step.

42. to 50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a management communication method of a host computer that communicates with a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said computer program comprising:

code for a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

code for a font registration step of downloading font data by a font name unit to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

code for a management step, performed by a management unit, of retaining the font registration information and manage registration information irrespective of a printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said code for a font registration step; and

code for an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by said code for a reference step.

52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously presented) A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein said computer program further comprises code for a specification step of specifying information on a font to be downloaded, based on the font registration information referred to by said code for a reference step.

54. to 56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously presented) A computer program product according to Claim 51, wherein the font registration information includes information that indicates a printer name and a font name.

58. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a management ~~communication~~ method of a host computer that communicates with a management apparatus, which manages fonts, and a plurality of printing apparatuses via a network, said computer program comprising:

code for a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses, wherein the font registration information is retained in the :management apparatus;

code for a font registration step of downloading font data by a font name unit to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;



code for a transmission step of transmitting registration information, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said code for a font registration step, to the management apparatus so as to update the font registration information retained, irrespective of a printing process, in the management apparatus; and

code for an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by said code for a reference step.

59. (Currently amended) A computer program product embodying a program for implementing a management communication method of a print system that includes a plurality of printing apparatuses and a host computer that communicates via a network, in which system font data by a font name unit from the host computer is registered in the printing apparatuses, and the printing apparatuses perform a printing process using the registered font name unit font data, said computer program comprising, at the host computer:

code for a reference step of referring to font registration information that includes information specifying at least one font registered in each of the plurality of printing apparatuses;

code for a font registration step of downloading the font name unit font data to the plurality of printing apparatuses for registration;

a management step of retaining the font registration information irrespective of the printing process, indicating the font name unit font data downloaded to each of the plurality of printing apparatuses by said code for a font registration step; and

code for an instruction step of issuing a delete instruction to any one of the plurality of printing apparatuses to delete the font name unit font data that corresponds to one of the fonts discriminated based on the font registration information referred to by said code for a reference step.